

shall make a determination thereon after such investigation as he deems necessary, and after affording the parties entitled to notice an opportunity for fair hearing in accordance with the provisions of this section with respect to hearings and determinations on appeal. The parties shall be promptly notified of the determination, together with the reasons therefor in the event of denial of the claim, and such determination shall be deemed to be the final decision on the claim, unless within seven days after the mailing of notice to a party's last known address, or, in the absence of such mailing, within seven days after the delivery of such notice, appeal is taken to the Board of Appeals or notice of review is entered by that body.]

(I) WHENEVER A DETERMINATION CONCERNS DISQUALIFICATION BASED ON A STOPPAGE OF WORK DUE TO A LABOR DISPUTE OR INVOLVES MULTIPLE CLAIMS OR DIFFICULT ISSUES OF FACT OR LAW, THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR [[MAY]] SHALL REFER THE CASE TO THE BOARD OF APPEALS FOR PROMPT HEARING AND DECISION BY THE BOARD OR BY A SPECIAL EXAMINER DESIGNATED BY SAID BOARD.

(II) A DETERMINATION SHALL BE DEEMED FINAL UNLESS A PARTY ENTITLED TO NOTICE THEREOF FILES AN APPEAL WITHIN SEVEN DAYS AFTER THE NOTICE WAS MAILED TO HIS LAST KNOWN ADDRESS, OR OTHERWISE DELIVERED TO HIM; PROVIDED, THAT SUCH PERIOD MAY BE EXTENDED BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FOR GOOD CAUSE.

(e) The claimant or any other party entitled to notice of a determination as herein provided, may file an appeal from such determination with the Board of Appeals within seven days after the date of mailing of the notice to his last known address or if such notice is not mailed, within seven days after the date of delivery of such notice.

Unless the appeal is withdrawn or is removed to the Board of Appeals, a referee designated by the Board of Appeals, after affording the parties reasonable opportunity for a fair hearing, shall make findings and conclusions and on the basis thereof affirm, modify, or reverse such determination; provided, however, that whenever an appeal involves a question as to whether services were performed by claimant in employment or for an employer, the referee shall give special notice of such issue and of the pendency of the appeal to the employing unit and to the [Board of Appeals,] EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, both of whom shall thenceforth be parties to the proceeding and be afforded a reasonable opportunity to adduce evidence bearing on such question.

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